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Warfare, Administration and State Making: A Case Study of Somalia and Somaliland



STATE FRAGILITY... is one of today's most pressing global public policy challenges ...



... and constitutes a formidable conundrum for the academic community ...



HOW CAN PROCESSES OF STATE MAKING AND BREAKING BE MEANING FULLY ANA LYDED AND LANDER 17000 2 institutions matter

Crisis States Research Centre (LSE): The fragility or resilience of states linges on institutional multiplicity,

ROPOSITION I:

State making is about institutional standardization - a process whereby a single set of rules of the game's gains dominance within a territory.

TRUE, the 'rules of the game' matter, But this is only liast the story !!

State making is not only about justitutions, but also identities!

There is a need to forge a national identity ...



Members of the same nation share a language

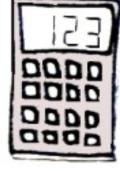
... and other identity markers such as mental maps ...

PROPOSITION I :

State making is about socio-cognitiv standardization, a process whereby one common set of 'rules of the mind' gains dominance within a society.

OK, BUT What brings about such institutional and socio-cognitive Standardization

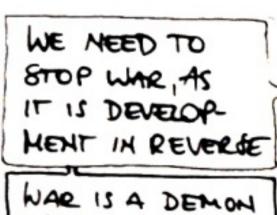
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well accepted argument that central administration importantly suffuences institutions and identities.

(2) WAR (FARE) ... another global

public policy challinge ...



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... and another academic conundrum ...



HM ... YEW wars whake STATES, BUT HUTORIGALLY WARS HAVE MADE STATES!

WHILE WAR MIGHT NOT NECESSARILY BE AN ANGEL OF ORDER WE MIGHT NEED TO GIVE WHR A CHANCE ...

Given the ambivalence of war, there is a need to disentangle the black box of war

HEOPOSITION III:

war can be constitutive to state making under the condition that it contributes to processes of institutional and socio-cognitive standardization.

23 examples:

Understanding State waking and State breaking as processes of changing levels of institutional and socio-cognitive standardization helps in gaining a more rimanced undwortanding of State trajectories, e.d. in SOM4CIA 1) common argument that the unwaking of Somalia started with dictatorial reign of Siad Barre...

NOT TRUE. Partly due to enhanced administration, the early rule at find Barre yaw steeply increasing lads of standardization, cum state making.

2) general proposition that wat did nothing but coutribute to State unmaking in Somalia ...

QUESTIONABLE. The civil war has been constitutive to state making in Somaliland, as it enhanced levels of Standardieation.

3) trequent pastulation that state of domaliland was built by 'traditional authorities' from the bottom up ...

MORE NUANCED VIEW Major processes of Handardization were carried through by modern elites from top down.

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